Child Care & Early Education Profile: 25th Representative District  
Representative Barbara Flynn Currie (D)

Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 25

110,467 Total Population
6,215 Families with young children
9,350 Children Under 6
4,928 Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
65% Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

Child Care in District 25

Formal child care options

- 41 Child care centers with capacity to serve 2,526 children
- 105 Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 979 children

Informal care

- In response to families' irregular work schedules, the majority of children in the district are cared for in legally license-exempt settings by family members, friends and neighbors. While the total number of informal caregivers is unknown, 1,116 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 3,348 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 25 Families

- Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: 22%

  Median Family Income: $38,064

Average Annual Cost of Full-Day Child Care

- Infant in Center: $10,682
- Infant in Licensed Home: $8,020
- Preschooler in Center: $8,486
- Preschooler in Licensed Home: $7,486

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